

THE SEWER BOARD OF THE CITY OF NEW ALBANY, INDIANA HELD A MEETING IN THE 3RD FLOOR ASSEMBLY ROOM OF THE CITY/COUNTY BUILDING, NEW ALBANY, INDIANA ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2006 AT 3:30 P.M.

PRESENT: Chairman Mayor James Garner, Vice Chairman Bill Utz, Mark Seabrook, Todd Solomon and Larry Kochert.

OTHERS: Attorney Greg Fifer, Brian Dixon, EMC, Tim Crawford EMC Tina Haley, and City Clerk Marcey Wisman.

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Garner called the meeting to order at 3:34 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

APPROVAL OR CORRECTION OF THE FOLLOWING MINUTES:

COMMUNICATIONS - PUBLIC:

Susan Johnson asked if they had received the second amended consent decree.

Mr. Fifer said that no.

Mrs. Johnson stated that she has been told by her neighbor that there is a smell coming from the end of her street and was wondering if it could have anything to do with the problems on McDonald Lane.

Mr. Dixon stated that it wouldn't have anything to do with McDonald Lane, but that he would check out the problem Elmwood

Mrs. Johnson asked which projects are going to be done with the money allotted to fix sewers and which would have to be put on hold.

Mr. Solomon stated that he doesn't believe any of them should be put on hold.

Mrs. Johnson asked which are scheduled to be done now.

Mr. Solomon explained to her about the studies that are being performed to start projects and which projects are in progress.

There was a lengthy discussion regarding the needed projects throughout the sewer system and the other sources of revenue that could be used to cover the costs of the projects.

Mrs. Johnson asked about the needed work on Linda Drive.

Mr. Fifer explained that the area is still being studied by the engineers to figure out what the exact problem is on Linda Drive and that they can't move forward on this until they know exactly what is wrong. He also explained that it is the plan of the board to move forward on any projects where they believe there is a threat of violating the consent decree.

COMMUNICATIONS - CITY OFFICIALS

Mr. Seabrook reported that he has been informed that the fire hydrant that is shooting water out on Rainbow Drive is a pressure relieve valve that goes off if there is 90 pounds of pressure on that line. He asked if the problem in the parking lot could be affecting this.

There was a lengthy discussion regarding the fire hydrant and why there may be a

constant pressure problem.

Mayor Garner stated that he would contact Joe Woodard.

Mr. Solomon asked Mr. Dixon if the falling Run manholes have been checked.

Mr. Dixon stated that he has located all the mapped manholes but one and they all are intact and in good shape. He stated that he did not find any manholes in the creek but that he did walk the entire creek he only walked the sewer line.

Mr. Solomon asked if he found out anything about the broken line at 1709 Woodland Hills that Mr. Schmidt brought up.

Mr. Dixon stated that there was a blockage in the line and it was leaking out. They have cleaned out the blockage, but they have not been back out to T.V. the line

Mr. Solomon asked about the camera truck.

Mr. Dixon stated that it is here and we have received the title.

Mr. Solomon asked about the status of the UV repair.

Mr. Dixon stated that Rob would need to answer that when he arrives.

Mr. Solomon asked if he had a new sewer cleaning schedule for them.

Mr. Dixon stated that he had included something in there packets that he felt gave them more information.

Mr. Solomon stated that there are no dates and he can't tell when these lines are being cleaned and how much was being cleaned in a month.

There was a lengthy discussion regarding the cleaning schedule.

Mr. Solomon asked about the Lewis Street issue.

Mr. Dixon stated that he has very rough plans that he was going to discuss with him later. He stated that there is a section that he can not get to with a camera because of the poor condition of the line.

Mr. Solomon asked about the ordinance for the \$540,000 back EDIT money that was presented to the council because in all the scenarios that Umbaugh gave them this money is included.

Mr. Fifer explained that legally that money can not be paid back to the sewer utility it can only be used for projects. It did show on the scenarios but it did not affect the rate increase. He stated that he plans to write a letter to the council and their attorney stating that it was in every scenario that was presented to them and that it was assumed that they would make all the appropriations that needed to be made accordingly. He wants to put them on record so that if they have to come back later and say that they are out of money it is clear that it could have been avoided had they made these appropriations.

Mr. Solomon asked Mr. Fifer if he has sent a letter to the EPA with the spread sheet showing status of development over 15,000 gallons per day.

Mr. Fifer stated that he has not but he will get it done.

Mr. Fifer stated that he has a Plat they have already approved but there was a slight change made and it needs to be resigned.

Mrs. Haley presented a list of credits to be approved.

Mr. Tekippe asked if there was anything over the 15,500 credits that need to look over.

Mr. Solomon asked about the Stonecrest project because the study is still being done to make sure there is appropriate capacity.

Mr. Fifer stated that Stone crest should be tabled.

Mr. Kochert asked if Wright Woods should have a study for the 15,500 credits.

Mrs. Haley explained that they were on the list prior to the requirement for the study.

There was a lengthy discussion over the credits to be issued and the projects.

Mayor Garner asked if anyone would like to make a motion to approve with the exception of Stone Crest.

Mr. Seabrook moved to approve, Mr. Solomon second, all voted in favor.

SEWER ADJUSTMENTS:

NEW BUSINESS:

Item #1 - EMC re: Vaccon Truck update

Mr. Dixon reported that they have sent the Vaccon truck to be refurbished. He stated that \$26,000 will bring it up to base safety standards and to totally revamp the truck it will cost \$56,000. He looked into other options for this truck and found out that the trade in value of the truck as is would be \$30,000, if the repairs needed were done the trade in goes up to \$60,000; a 5yr lease program for a new truck would be \$30,000 per year, and a lease to purchase agreement would be \$50,000 per year for 5 years. He stated that these are all just ball park figures from a vendor and he would like to get firm amounts, but they do need a second truck.

Mr. Solomon asked if the truck they have now runs.

Mr. Dixon stated that it does run but that it does not meet safety standards.

There was a lengthy discussion regarding the options presented to them regarding the Vaccon Truck.

Mr. Solomon asked which option he recommended.

Mr. Dixon recommended the lease option but that he did not have firm numbers and he would like to contact other vendors to compare prices.

Item #2 - Clark Dietz re: Basin 35 Design

Mr. Tekkipe discussed the Basin 35 design and presented an opinion of Probable construction cost and a professional services agreement to get things started so that they could bid it out this summer sometime.

There was a lengthy discussion regarding the proposal.

Item #3 - EMC re: New Easements for Basin 35

Paul Elling presented information regarding the flow information for Basin 35 and presented a packet of flow rates which is on file with the city clerk's office.

Mr. Solomon had asked how they determined their flows.

Mr. Elling gave an explanation that they count houses and drives and they found a base

of 2 lots per acre but there is area where you can have 8 lots per acre and they came up with an average and based the flow on that. He then went on to discuss the work that remains to be done on the master plan.

Mr. Utz asked if any TIF would be available to fund this.

Mayor Garner explained that there would be \$450,000 in February of 2007 and 2008 to go towards Basin 35.

Mr. Elling went on to discuss the Capacity Analysis and stated that they are just starting the spread sheet model, the mapping work has just begun and should be done by the end of November, and that the month of December would be devoted to preparing all the report documents.

There was lengthy discussion regarding the capacity of the Prosser Lift Station.

Mr. Dixon stated that Renaissance has found three easements that were never obtained for the work on Basin 35. He reported that he has had the following properties assessed:

Duane & Allison Banet, 3914 Chapel Lane \$1,650.00

Shirley A. Miller, 3922 Chapel Lane \$2,975.00

William & Sharon Inzer, 3818 Chapel Lane \$1,650.00

Mr. Fifer stated that there is a State mandated form that needs to be attached to these appraisals and he needs the board to approve the appraisals to be presented to the parties for their counter offers.

Mr. Seabrook moved to approve, Mr. Utz second, all vote in favor.

Mark McCormick presented the November figures and a budget for 2007. He reviewed the report with the board. Said report is on file with the City Clerk's office.

There was a lengthy discussion regarding line items in the report and the issue of having a separate checking account for sewers, drainage and sanitation.

Mayor Garner will ask Mrs. Garry to attend the next meeting.

Mr. McCormick discussed projected revenue for the 2007 budget for the sewer utility.

The board made corrections for the amount of jail bond money pledged and reflected that the sewer increase does not occur until 2008.

Mr. McCormick reviewed the projected expenses for the 2007 budget.

Mayor Garner stated that the current projects will count as the \$500,000 required projects and should be taken out.

Mr. Tekippe went over the construction costs for Basin 35 and stated that with everything else included it would be right at the \$900,000 for the total project. He also reminded them of the proposed agreement for Clark Deitz to do the project.

Mr. Solomon stated that he would like to go over the agreement before they make a decision on it.

Item #4 - EMC re: Request for qualification 15th Street Study

Mr. Dixon stated that the request for the 15th Street Study has come in and there is suppose to be a committee set up to look over the studies. He stated that he did not know if the board wanted to look over them as a whole or form a committee. The following companies presented studies: HMB, Donahue, Commonwealth, Strand and Obrien &

Gere-Qore.

Mr. Solomon stated that he could have them ranked by the first meeting in December.

It was decided that each member would rank them and that they would review their individual rankings at the first meeting in December.

OLD BUSINESS:

Item #1 - Charles Hipsher re: extending time for delinquent sewer account
Mayor Garner stated that Mrs. Welsh could discuss this at the next meeting.

Item #2 - Mike Larner re: Vincennes Place

Mr. Tekippe presented their review of the Vincennes Place Lift Station which is on file with City clerk's office.

Mr. Dixon stated that he has been contacted by Mr. Cooperwaite and Mr. Larner and they do not have any problems with the suggestions and will be moving forward with the project as presented to them.

Mr. Utz asked who would be reviewing their pump selection.

Mr. Dixon stated that he and IDEM would be reviewing the pump.

Mr. Solomon asked Mr. Dixon to review their release valve.

There was a lengthy discussion regarding the specifications for future developments and the cost for the reviews to be done.

Mr. Tekippe presented an analysis of the Robert E. Lee Lift Station which is on file with the City Clerk's office.

Mr. Seabrook asked what happens if the Georgetown plant falls through.

Mr. Fifer stated that they have three years to get off of our system and if not they will be charged 2 ½ times the current rate and they will only be guaranteed the gallons that they currently have.

Mr. Tekippe also presented a memo regarding the development of Impact and Connection fees for incoming developments and estimated that they can do this for approximately \$9,500. He suggested that the board consider a general work contract with them to handle these small issues that come up and he would bring one to the next meeting.

Mr. Fifer asked if it doesn't make since to break out the force main from the lift station.

Mr. Tekippe stated that it does not.

Mr. Fifer asked how we provide for an electrical change in the meantime.

Mr. Tekippe stated that they could use large pumps but they would need to do more analysis to ensure there would be no surcharging further down stream.

Mr. Sartell stated that there could be a pigtail installed in house to cover the interim period.

Mr. Fifer recommended that they authorize Mr. Sartel to install this generator to meet the requirements of the consent decree.

There was a lengthy discussion regarding the problems that could occur if there is a power outage at this station and the necessary size of the pump.

Mr. Tekippe will look into this further and bring it back to the next meeting.

Mayor Garner asked Mr. Christmas for an up-date on the interceptor project.

Mr. Christmas stated that they have gotten some work done but they are still fighting ground water. He believes that the pipe should be in the ground by December.

Item #6 - EMC re: Kaye Crowe Claim

Mr. Sartell stated that she has \$250 in cleaning and \$131 in rugs she replaced and they blockage was in the city line.

Mr. Solomon stated that he would like to see documentation on this prior to approving this claim.

EMC REPORT:

Mr. Solomon asked for EMC to look into the pigtail situation and let them know if they can stay within complying with codes without upgrading the whole electrical system before having it done.

Mr. Sartell will bring that to the next meeting.

Jim Crawford presented a clean out that has a built in back flow valve that is serviceable without digging up a yard and it allows access for a push camera as well but he is not sure if they are built to attach to a 6 inch line. He stated that he has testing information if anyone would like to look at it.

Mr. Solomon stated that if they find out that it performs well we may want to look into these being required on new developments.

BIDS:

CLAIMS:

Mr. Dixon presented the following claims:

DSD Development, LLC	\$76,277.79
K & E Environmental	
Invoice #409	\$5,819.64
Invoice #422	\$2,351.28

Mr. Solomon motioned to approve the claim invoice sheet in addition to the K & E Environmental and DSD claims, Mr. Utz second, all voted in favor.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business before the Sewer Board, the meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mayor James Garner, Chairman

Marcey J. Wisman, City Clerk

